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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 0757

LONDON FOR MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PINS, CD
SUBJECT: CHADIAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS

1. PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE OF NIGER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF SUDAN PASSED NIGHT IN NDJAMENA AND LEFT EARLY MORNING OF FEB. 23 FOR SEBHA. PRESIDENT MALLOUM AND MINISTER GOUARA LASSOU ACCOMPANIED THEM TO THE QUADRIPARTITE SUMMIT.
 2. PRESIDENT MALLOUM LOOKED TERRIBLE, AND IS OBVIOUSLY A BROKEN MAN. FRENCH AMBASSADOR BELIEVES HE IS, AT THE MOMENT, UNDER THE COMPLETE CONTROL OF MINISTER GOUARA LASSOU, WHO HAS UNDERGONE A OVERNIGHT CONVERSION TO QADHAFI. GOUARA LASSOU NOW SAYS DEFEAT OF CHADIANS IN THE NORTH WAS DIRECT RESULT OF THEIR BETRAYAL BY THE WESTERN POWERS, AND THAT CHAD HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO THROW ITSELF
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INTO THE ARMS OF ITS FRIEND QADHAFI.

3. INEXPLICABLY, MINISTER KAMOUGUE IS STILL REPORTED IN NEW YORK. IT IS FREELY PREDICTED IN NDJAMENA THAT KAMOULUE WOULD NOT ACCEPT PRESENT DRIFT OF GOVERNMENT AND WILL TRY TO OVER-THROW IT WHEN AND IF HE RETURNS.

4. VICE PRESIDENT DJIME IS OF THE OPINION THAT WHATEVER AGREEMENT IS REACHED AT SEBHA WILL REST ON SAND, AND CANNOT LAST LONG. HE SAYS WAR HAS ONLY BEGUN. HOWEVER, HE MAY BE BADLY UNDERESTIMATING THE CLEVERNESS OF QADHAFI AND THE LACK OF WILL OF HIS COHORT.

5. COMMENT: INTERNAL DIVISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE APPARENT, AND SOME FAR REACHING SHIFTS WITHIN PRESENT ALIGNMENT ARE IMMINENT.BRADFORD

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